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Remarks/Arguments

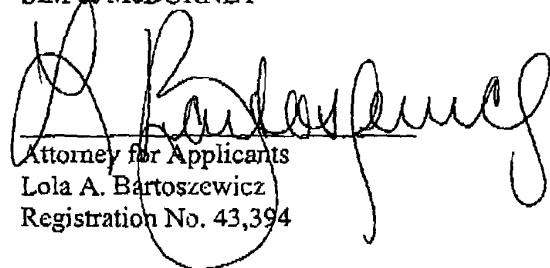
Claims 38-48, 50 and 52 remain in this application.

The Examiner has acknowledged that claims 38-42 are allowable in their current state and that claims 49 and 51-52 are objected as being dependent upon rejected claims. In view of this, claim 48 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 49 and thus, claim 49 has been cancelled without prejudice. Similarly, the subject matter of claim 51 has been incorporated into claim 50 and thus claim 51 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 43 has been amended to replace the term "comprising" with "consisting essentially of" as implied by the Examiner in the office action. As such, all of the claims should now also be in a condition for allowance. It is submitted that the claim amendments obviate the Examiner's rejection of claims 43-48 and 50 under 35 U.S.C. §103) as being unpatentable over WO 93/18786 in view of Goth et al., of record.

Enclosed herewith are resubmitted Information Disclosure Statements correctly identifying the serial number for the application.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,
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